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Transmitted herewith for filing under 35 U.S.C. 111(a) and 37 C.F.R. 1.53(b) is a new utility patent application for an invention entitled:

APPARATUS AND METHOD FOR PREVENTING ADHESIONS BETWEEN AN IMPLANT AND SURROUNDING TISSUES

and invented by:

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1. Filing fee as calculated and transmitted as described below
2. Specification having 19 pages and including the following:
 - a. Descriptive Title of the Invention
 - b. Cross References to Related Applications (*if applicable*)
 - c. Statement Regarding Federally-sponsored Research/Development (*if applicable*)
 - d. Reference to Sequence Listing, a Table, or a Computer Program Listing Appendix
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 - f. Brief Summary of the Invention
 - g. Brief Description of the Drawings (*if filed*)
 - h. Detailed Description
 - i. Claim(s) as Classified Below
 - j. Abstract of the Disclosure

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3. Drawing(s) (when necessary as prescribed by 35 USC 113)
 - a. Formal Number of Sheets _____
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Signed statement attached deleting inventor(s) named in the prior application, see 37 C.F.R. 1.63(d)(2) and 1.33(b).
5. Incorporation By Reference (*usable if Box 4b is checked*)
The entire disclosure of the prior application, from which a copy of the oath or declaration is supplied under Box 4b, is considered as being part of the disclosure of the accompanying application and is hereby incorporated by reference therein.
6. CD ROM or CD-R in duplicate, large table or Computer Program (Appendix)
7. Application Data Sheet (See 37 CFR 1.76)
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 - a. Computer Readable Form (CFR)
 - b. Specification Sequence Listing on:
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 - c. Statement(s) Verifying Identical Paper and Computer Readable Copy

Accompanying Application Parts

9. Assignment Papers (cover sheet & document(s))
10. 37 CFR 3.73(B) Statement (when there is an assignee)
11. English Translation Document (if applicable)
12. Information Disclosure Statement/PTO-1449 Copies of IDS Citations
13. Preliminary Amendment
14. Return Receipt Postcard (MPEP 503) (Should be specifically itemized)
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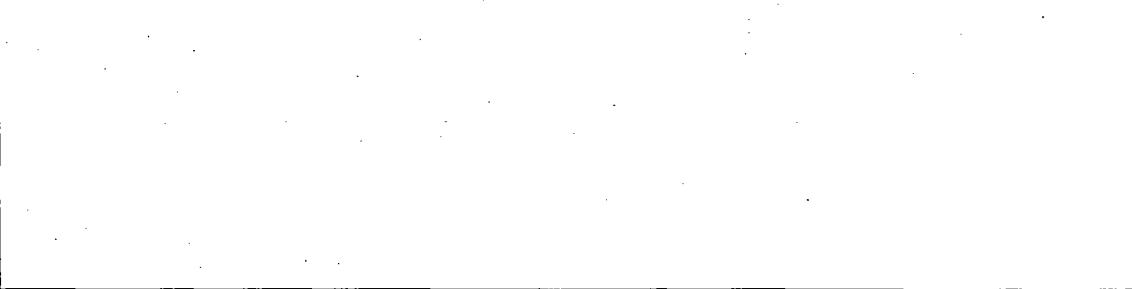
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17. Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27.
 (Optional) Small Entity Statement(s) - Specify Number of Statements Submitted: _____
18. Additional Enclosures (*please identify below*):


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19. Pursuant to 35 U.S.C. 122(b)(2), Applicant hereby requests that this patent application not be published pursuant to 35 U.S.C. 122(b)(1). Applicant hereby certifies that the invention disclosed in this application has not and will not be the subject of an application filed in another country, or under a multilateral international agreement, that requires publication of applications 18 months after filing of the application.

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1. Return Receipt Postcard;
2. Transmittal letter;
3. Specification/Claims/Abstract 19 pages;
4. 2 sheets of informal drawings;

Each of the 4 above-identified documents are enclosed herewith.

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